



Richard W. Collins

September 11, 1934 - October 12, 2014

COLEBROOK, NH -- Mr. Richard "Rick" William Collins, 80, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014.

Rick was born on Sept. 11, 1934, in West Stewartstown, a son to the late Walter S. and Amy V. (Knapp) Collins. He was the third of six children. He was educated in Colebrook schools and graduated with the Colebrook Academy Class of 1953 with the highest 4-year average in the FFA Program.

After high school, Rick moved to Connecticut to work in a plastic manufacturing company, and joined the Connecticut Army National Guard. In 1956 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force working as an air traffic controller until his discharge in 1960. He then moved back to Colebrook and met his wife, Aline S. Marquis, and they were united in marriage on Dec. 30, 1961.

After working as a construction truck driver and living a short time in Manchester, Rick and Aline moved back to Colebrook and made it their life-long home. He then worked for the Adrien Thibeault Gas & Appliance Co. of Canaan, Vt., for a few years until being hired by the Andrew R. George Insurance Agency in 1965. He then began a 45-plus year career of selling personal, commercial, and life insurance in the Colebrook area. Rick purchased the George Agency in 1970, operating it until he sold it to AD Davis Insurance in 1979. He then worked as the local branch manager for AD Davis Insurance until 1990. In 1992, Rick started the Collins Insurance Agency and he grew the agency for 19 years. In 2011 he sold his agency to Geo. M Stevens Insurance of Lancaster. In 1990 Rick purchased the Nancy's Video & Photo Center changing the name to Collins Video & Photo Center. Due to the success of his insurance business, he closed the video store in 2002.

Rick was also a very active member of the community. He served on the Colebrook school board from 1969 -72, and while serving as Chairman of the Board he helped to negotiate the purchase of the Our Lady of Grace Academy for the school district. Rick was an active member of the Local Jaycee Chapter, proudly working on the winter carnivals, parades,

and other events the group sponsored. He was also a Charter Member of the Colebrook Kiwanis Club. He served on the Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department from 1973-93, attaining the rank of Captain, and served as a Fire Warden for the Colebrook Village Fire Precinct.

Rick was predeceased by his parents Walter & Amy Collins; brother "Bill" Collins; and sisters Betty d'Anjou, Mona Grover, and Dotty Sage.

Rick is survived by his wife of 53 years Aline S. Collins; daughter Claudelle Meyer and husband Robert of Neville Island, Penn.; son Michael Collins and wife Laurie of Columbia, NH; and son David Collins and wife Colleen of Webster, NH. He also leaves two grandchildren who were the pride of his life, Justin & Melissa Collins. He is survived by one sister, Barbara Hamel, of Concord, and many brothers & sisters-in-law; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no public calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Brendan's Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at 11 a.m. with The Reverend Craig Cheney as celebrant. A committal service with military honors will be held at the Colebrook Village Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Colebrook School District, 21 Academy St. Colebrook, NH 03576, for the purpose of business education in memory of Richard W. Collins.

Condolences may be offered by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Aline, David, Claudelle, Michael, and family: Please accept Teresa and my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father and our cousin Rick. Always a gentleman and unselfish public servant. Rob & Teresa Hawes*

Rob Hawes - October 22, 2014 at 09:10 AM

GA

“ *David,*

May you hold on to all the good memories shared. I pray for God's blessings to your and yours for comfort as you deal with your loss.

Gail Shaw

Gail - October 18, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SM

“ *Our sympathy to all the family.
Sue and Fred*

Sue E. Miller - October 17, 2014 at 08:11 PM

BM

“ *Ma tante Aline, Micheal, David et Claudelle, Nous gardons un beau souvenir de mon oncle Richard, un homme fort et fier de sa famille. Nous sommes tous en pensée avec vous dans cette période difficile. Toute nos sympathie de ma part et de toute la famille.
Benoit et la famille de Thérèse et Edgar Marquis.*



Benoit Marquis - October 17, 2014 at 06:27 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard W. Collins.*



October 17, 2014 at 06:11 PM

FL

“ *Aline, Michael, David, Claudelle and family: Please accept my deepest condolences at the passing of Richard. He was an important part of the community and I am sure will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Fatima Polo Laperle*

Fatima laperle - October 16, 2014 at 06:41 PM

MR

“ *Dear Mike, Laurie and family,*

My deepest sympathy on your loss. It is never easy to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mary Roussel

mary roussel - October 15, 2014 at 08:31 PM

PS

“ *Aline and family My deepest sympathies for you all in this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pam Howe- Smith*

Pam Smith - October 15, 2014 at 07:50 PM

DH

“ *Dear Aline and family*

We are saddened at the news of Rick's passing. We wish you peace and comfort in the memories you have made.

God Bless

David & Corinne Howland



David & Corinne Howland - October 15, 2014 at 05:26 PM

LR

“ *Claudelle & Rob Meyer and the Collins family, we are so sorry for your loss, you have our deepest heartfelt sympathy. Lori & Kenny Roedler (PA).*

Lori & Ken Roedler - October 15, 2014 at 11:19 AM

BH

“ *To all of Rick's family, we extend our sympathy. Ricky was a good person and a good business man. One great quality that we liked, he wasn't afraid to speak his mind. He was always friendly, very proud of his grandchildren, and we enjoyed our chats with him. He will be missed by many.*

Brad and Barbara Hann

B. Hann - October 15, 2014 at 11:08 AM

JD

“ Aline, Claudelle, Michael and David: Please accept my deepest sympathy in the sudden loss Rick. May the many years of wonderful memories and the love you shared as a family help you through the grieving process. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Julie Daley

Julie Daley - October 15, 2014 at 08:35 AM

SB

“ I was so sad to hear about Uncle Ricky's death - he was one of my favorite uncles for sure! He had a big heart & loved people, would give you the shirt off his back if needed. My condolences go out to you Matante Aline, & cousins Claudelle, Mike & David.

Shirley Belleville

Shirley Belleville - October 14, 2014 at 10:05 PM

HH

“ Aline, Mike, Claudelle, and David our deepest condolences go out to you all on your loss. Just remember all the memories you have made over the years. Mike you always have something you and your father have done together from camp to hunting adventures. Our prayers are with you during this time.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - October 14, 2014 at 07:05 PM

MG

“ Aline and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Melanie and Mike Gray

Melanie Gray - October 14, 2014 at 06:36 PM

BW

“ Aline & Family
You are in our thoughts & prayers- In a time of sadness, our memories are a precious gift.
With heartfelt sympathy.
Bill & Pauline Weir

Bill & Pauline Weir - October 14, 2014 at 05:41 PM

RB

“ Sorry for your Loss. Sending our condolences and prayers to you and your family.
~ Donald & Dolores Belleville & Family.

Renée Belleville - October 14, 2014 at 03:46 PM

FC

“ Dear Aline and family, we are so sorry to learn of Ricky's passing away. All our condolences and prayers for all of you.

Francine & Andre Champagne - October 14, 2014 at 02:09 PM

BA

“ Aline, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the loving hand of our heavenly Father rest on your shoulder, giving you peace and comfort during these difficult days. With sympathy and prayers, Richard and Barbara Howland

Barbara - October 14, 2014 at 02:05 PM

SN

“ Aline & family:
Sending our condolences to you and your wonderful family. Please know that you are in our prayers and that your loved one is granted peace and rest.
Suzelle & Walter Noyes

Suzelle Noyes - October 14, 2014 at 12:04 PM

MM

“ Dear David,
I am so sorry for you and all your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Mary Ann Malouin



Mary Ann Malouin - October 14, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DS

“ sorry to hear of Ricks passing he was a great friend and did a lot for the town my best to you all

don silloway - October 14, 2014 at 10:08 AM

KS

“ Dear David,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time.
Kathy Sousa

Kathy Sousa - October 14, 2014 at 09:53 AM

KC

“ David, my deepest condolences on the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kendra Cote

Kendra Cote - October 14, 2014 at 09:36 AM

MM

“ Aline, Claudelle, Mike and David ~ Our sincere sympathy in your great loss. Ricky was a wonderful man, husband and father. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Monique Marquis & family.

Michelle Marquis - October 14, 2014 at 08:40 AM

JD

“ Rick was a good man and a friendly neighbor. He will live on in our memory, but we will miss seeing him on the street and in Church. We extend our sympathy to his wonderful family and he will be in our prayers. Rick was one of the good guys of the world.

Joeng and Mike Divney

Joeng & Mike Divney - October 14, 2014 at 08:38 AM

 Yvette Fanaras

“ David I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Yvette Fanaras

Yvette Fanaras - October 14, 2014 at 07:37 AM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of Risk's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the Collins family.

Chuck Hamlin

Chuck Hamlin - October 14, 2014 at 07:26 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to the whole Family. Rick was a good neighbor as he helped myself and many other street kids get through those younger years.

Dennis and Rita Johnson

Dennis Johnson - October 14, 2014 at 07:18 AM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers to Claudelle, Mike, David, Aline and their families. Ricky was a good man, and loved his family dearly. He will be missed.

Julie A Rainville - October 13, 2014 at 08:51 PM

LR

“ My heart goes out to the whole collins family. May you find the strength to get through these tough days. Louise Roy

louise roy - October 13, 2014 at 08:08 PM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Ricks passing.....we will be away, but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dan and Lisa Hebert

lisa hebert - October 13, 2014 at 06:50 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Richard W. Collins



Keith and Billie Brockney - October 13, 2014 at 06:45 PM

FA

“ I was so saddened to hear of Ricky's passing. Colebrook was very fortunate to have Rick as a resident. He gave so much to his town and surrounding communities. Thoughts and prayers to Aline, Claudelle, Mike, David and families. Faith and Wally Adair

Faith Adair - October 13, 2014 at 05:53 PM

LD

“ To all of the Collin's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Lucie Dagesse - October 13, 2014 at 05:00 PM

GJ

“ To all the Collins family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all, and I'm sure my son Mike will also think of you when he hears the sad news. Rick was always a wonderful man to do business with, and always fun to run into in town, too.

ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - October 13, 2014 at 04:53 PM

SB

“ Sam and I are so sorry to hear of your husband. We are away but our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Sam and Joan Bird

Sam and Joan Bird - October 13, 2014 at 03:19 PM

PC

“ Phil And Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Richard W. Collins



Phil and Jan Corliss - October 13, 2014 at 02:35 PM

PC

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Phil and Jan Corliss - October 13, 2014 at 02:36 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
The Boivin Family



Debbie Boivin - October 13, 2014 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Ricky's family. Growing up CFD and Pleasant St. kids, Rick always drove us in the parades on the old Mack and was like an Uncle to many of us. Mike, David, Claudelle, Aline and family may God comfort you as you grieve the loss of a special man. With love and prayer, Stephanie J. Hughes-Crossd

Stephanie Hughes-Cross - October 13, 2014 at 01:53 PM

TT

“ Our deepest sympathies and many prayers are being sent your way hoping to help ease the pain of the loss of your loved one.
Raymond and Tammy Thivierge

Tammy Thivierge - October 13, 2014 at 01:45 PM